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SUBJECT: TURKISH OPIUM BAN

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1. NEITHER DEPARTMENT NOR EMBASSY ANKARA HAS ACCEPTED
TURKISH ARGUMENT THAT USG IS INCONSISTENT IN URGING
MAINTENANCE OF OPIUM BAN WHILE ALSO SEEKING REDUCTION
OF SENTENCES GIVEN TO CERTAIN AMERICAN CITIZENS FOR
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DRUG TRAFFICKING. WE HAVE FELT THAT CERTAIN CAPITAL,

LIFE, AND 30-YEAR SENTENCES GIVEN TO AMERICAN TOURISTS FOR TRAFFICKING IN CANNABIS (MARIJUANA AND HASHISH) WERE EXCESSIVELY SEVERE AND, PURSUANT TO PROTECTION OF CITIZEN INTERESTS, HAVE ASKED FOR "LENIENCY".

2. OF THE APPROXIMATELY 1000 AMERICAN CIVILIANS PRESENTLY IMPRISONED ABROAD ON DRUG TRAFFICKING CHARGES, AVERAGE SENTENCES ARE BETWEEN 6 AND 10 YEARS. ABOUT 15 HAVE RECEIVED SENTENCES FROM 10 TO 20 YEARS. ONLY TURKEY HAS IMPOSED SENTENCES OF MORE THAN 3 YEARS INCLUDING 30 YEARS FOR HAYES AND LIFE FOR ANTAKYA THREE. NO REPEAT NO POST HAS BEEN AUTHORIZED TO MAKE REPRESENTATIONS FOR REDUCTION OF SENTENCE FOR ANY PROFESSIONAL TRAFFICKER OR HEROIN TRAFFICKER.

3. WE RESPECT THE SOVEREIGN RIGHT OF TURKEY AND OTHER FOREIGN COUNTRIES TO ENFORCE DRUG LAWS AND ESTABLISH PENALTIES WITHIN THEIR TERRITORIES AND MAKE AN EFFORT TO WARN AMERICANS TRAVELLING IN THOSE COUNTRIES ABOUT THE LEVELS OF PENALTIES AND STRICTNESS OF ENFORCEMENT. KISSINGER

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